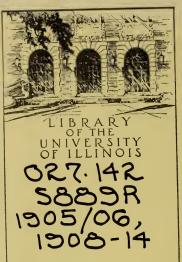
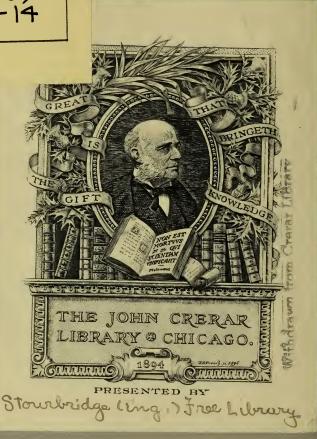
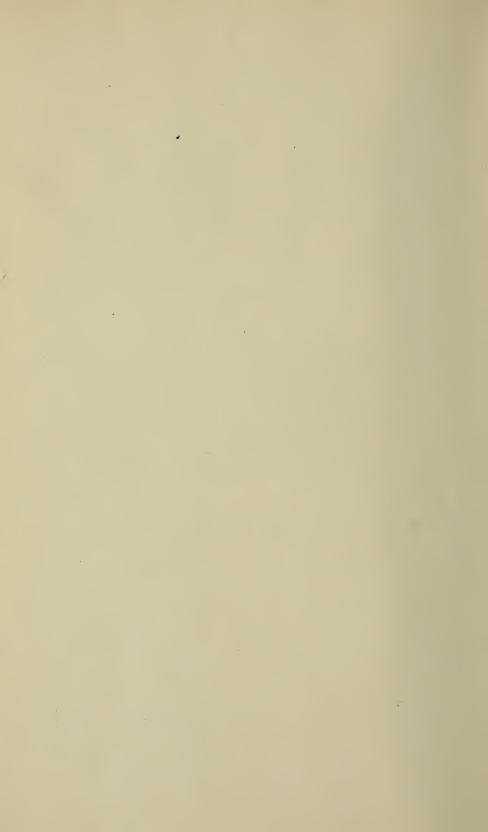
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THE

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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STOURBRIDGE.

STOURBRIDGE FREE LIBRARY.

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ANNUAL REPORT

of the Librarian,

from the Opening up to the 31st December, 1906.

THE LIBRARIAN'S OFFICE,

THE FREE LIBRARY. 2

STOURBRIDGE FREE LIBRARY.

Librarian's Report, 1905 and 1906.

The Librarian has pleasure in presenting a Report of the

Free Library from its opening till 31st December, 1906.

The Reading Rooms were opened on 1st August, 1905, and from the outset they have been most freely used by the public. It is roughly estimated that fully 60,000 people have visited the rooms during the past year.

The tables are moderately well supplied with newspapers and magazines, a detailed list of which may be seen in the Free

Library Catalogue.

The Lending and Reference Library was opened on 2nd April, 1906, by Professor Churton Collins of Birmingham University, the occasion being celebrated by a Public Luncheon. During the eight months of the Library's existence to December, 1906, 19802 books have been issued, as set out in the following table.—

Α.	Religion and Philosophy	•••	102
В.	Biography	•••	178
	History	•••	171
D.	Geography and Travel	•••	205
E.	Science and Art	•••	426
	Fiction		14148
G.	Language and Literature		611
Н.	Poetry and Drama		92
I.	Juvenile	•••	3869
	То	tal	19802

The number of Borrower's Cards applied for has been 1201. The Reference Department has been used by 94 persons.

The Cash received has been £13 17s. 11d., made up as follows.—

				£	s.	d.
Fines		••		4	IO	11
Damage		***	•••			9
Catalogues	;	•••		2	0	6
Vouchers		•••		4	16	4
Cards rene	wed		•••		1	2
Subscriber	s Outsi	de Town Area		I	5	0
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There are at the present time 4829 volumes on the shelves, classified as under:—

1 as	under:—			
A.	Religion and Philos	ophy	•••	215
В.	Biography	• • • •	•••	281
C.	History .			159
D.	Geography and Tra-	vel		126
E.	Science and Art		• • •	308
F.	Fiction		•••	1452
G.	Language and Liter	ature		647
Н.	Poetry and Drama			109
I.	Juvenile		•••	404
	Reference	•••		1128
	То	tal		4829

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As yet no books have had to be replaced, but some of the most popular ones are getting somewhat out of condition.

The Librarian is pleased to say that by means of advertisements placed inside the covers, he has been enabled to provide substantial reading cases for most of the publications in the Magazine Room, without cost to the Library Fund.

Sincere thanks are due to the following ladies and gentlemen, who have kindly contributed books, newspapers, periodicals, pictures, etc., for the use of the Library and Reading Rooms.

Adcock, J. W. The "Advertiser," Proprietors of "Amblecote Parish Magazine," Proprietor of Aston, Miss "Autocar," Proprietor of Billingham, H. (late) Birt, G. Blurton, E. Boden, G. Boisot, Mdlle. Brazier, Enoch Bridge, J. H. "Broad Arrow," Proprietor of The "Bromsgrove Messenger," Proprietor of Burton, J. H. Buttery, W. Charwoman. The "Christian," Proprietor of Collis, H. N. Collis, W. B., J.P.
The "County Express," Proprietors of
The "County Herald," Proprietor of The "Daily Mail," (London), Proprietors of The "Daily News," Proprietor of Darby, Miss Deakin, R. The "Educational Times," Proprietor of Evans, Miss K. F. The "Evesham Journal," Proprietor of The "Express and Star," Proprietors of Faith Press Co. Fennell, Mrs. Fiddian, W. Ford, J. T. Freer, A., J.P. The "Garden," Proprietor of Gillespies, H., Trustees of Goodyear, G. H. Great Western Railway Co. Magazine, Proprietor of Harmsworth, C. B., M.P. Hart, D. Withdrawn from Crerar Library Harward, G. Hobley, J. Jones, W.

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King, Mrs. Hartley
Lee, T. Grosvenor, J.P.
London and North Western Railway Co.

The "Kidderminster News," Proprietor of The "Kidderminster Shuttle," Proprietor of Lords Commissioners of H. M. Treasury.

Macpherson, G., J.P.

Marten, E. B.

Martin, Sir R. B.

Mather & Crowther.

Mathews, A. Mathews, Mrs.

Mathews, R., J.P.

The "Midland Counties Herald," Proprietors of

Midland Railway Co.

Mills, G. R.

Mobberley, Mrs. Chas.

Moody, G.

Moorhouse, Miss H. M.

Nash, I., J.P.

The "National Review," Proprietor of

The "National Service Gazette," Proprietor of

New South Wales, Agent Gen. of

The "Oldbury Chronicle," Proprietor of

The "Oldswinford Parish Magazine," Proprietor of

Owen, Captain Owen, Rev. I. G.

Pagett, G. H.

Pagett, Mrs. G. H.

Palfrey, H. E.

Pargeter, P., J.P. (late)

"Patents," Proprietor of

Payton, H.

Pearce, N. Pearsall, J.

Pearson, C. A., Ltd.

Penley, Rev. L. B.

"Photographic News," Proprietor of

Platt, R.

Presbyterian Chapel Library, Trustees of

Resurrection Fund, Committee of

Ridley, Miss

Ridley, Mrs.

Roberts, W. Sawyer, Sir J.

The "Shrewsbury Chronicle," Proprietor of

Smith, W. H. & Sons

The "Sphere" and the "Tatler," Proprietors of

Stourbridge U. D. Council.

Stringer, Miss

Swedenborg Society

Taylor, Mrs. H.

Tomkinson, M., J.P.

"University Correspondent," Proprietor of Wassell, H. A.

Webb, H.

Williams, Mrs. H. D.

The "Wolverhampton Chronicle," Proprietor of

The "Woodworker," Proprietor of

The "Worcester Journal," Proprietor of

Worcestershire Naturalist Club. Worthington, A. W., J.P. (late)

Wright, E. T., J.P.

H. RIDLEY,



THE

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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STOURBRIDGE.

STOURBRIDGE FREE LIBRARY.

— THIRD —

ANNUAL REPORT

of the Librarian,

for the Year ended the 31st December, 1908.

STOURBRIDGE :

MARK & MOODY, LTD., "COUNTY EXPRESS" OFFICES.

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STOURBRIDGE FREE LIBRARY.

Librarian's Report for 1908.

The Librarian has the honour to submit his Annual Report of the work of the Free Library for the year 1908.

The Reading Rooms continue to be frequented by an apparently increasing number of readers, which is most satisfactory.

The number of volumes issued during the year has been 33,133. As will be seen by the table below, this shows a decrease of 1,535 compared with the previous year. While the issues in some of the classes have increased, it will be observed that there is a considerable falling off in the juvenile class, a fact which may possibly be attributed in a great measure to a particularly fine autumn.

			1906.	1907.		1908.
Class	Α.	Religion and Philosophy	102	 I 2 2		116
,,	В.	Biography	178	 316		311
,,		History		 245		229
,,		Geography and Travel		 302		379
,,	E.	Science and Art	426	 692		739
,,	F.	Fiction	14148	 25166		25193
,,		Language and Literature				1225
,,		Poetry and Drama				169
,,	I.	Juvenile	3869	 6775		4772
	5	Γotal Number of Issues	19,802	34,668	_	33,133
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Borrowers' Cards, to the number of 254, have been applied for, making the number in use 1,708, an increase of 188 on the previous year.

The Reference Department has been used by 98 people. Their addresses extend over the area from London to Rochdale. The Committee would like to see a much more general use made of this department with its choice of valuable and helpful volumes.

The Cash received has been £,31 19s. 11d., made up as follows:

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		S.	
Fines for Detention of Books over Time		18	10
Fines for Damage to Books		I	0
Sale of Catalogues	. І	6	6
Sale of Pass Cards :	. І	I	4
Pass Cards Renewed		I	10
Subscriptions from outside Town area	. І	IO	0
Newspapers, etc., Sold	. 5	7	5
Miscellaneous Receipts	. 5	3	0
	£31	9	II

There are now 6,007 volumes in the Library, an increase of 561 on the number in 1907.

Three books missing at the annual stock-taking, and eight which had been placed on one side as worn out, have, with one or two exceptions, been replaced. With the much appreciated assistance of a voluntary helper 916 volumes have been repaired upon the Library premises.

A Dramatic Performance in the Town Hall, kindly given by Mrs. B. Richardson and the Wordsley Dramatic Circle, did not meet with the success which a so excellently-played and well-staged production deserved. A pecuniary loss on the performance was

generously defrayed by Mrs. Richardson and her Company.

Among the many valuable gifts which have enriched the Library during the year two deserve special mention:—(1) A gift of books from P. H. Foley, Esq., J.P., which include typographical works of gréat value. (2) The presentation by W. H. Foster, Esq., J.P., of the Stourbridge Ironwork's Library, which contains many scarce and valuable books.

Many thanks are due to the following ladies and gentlemen who have contributed books, pictures, etc., for the use of the Library

and Reading Rooms :-

Australia, Representative of.

Bennett and Co.

Birmingham University, Secretary of.

Birt, Dr. G. Boisot, Mdlle.

Boulton, Mr. and Mrs. F.

British Museum, Trustees of.

Collis, Mr. W. B., J.P.

Dallow, Mr. W. A.

Evans, the late Miss.

Foley, Mr. P. H., J.P.

Foster, Mr. W. H., J.P.

Goodyear, Mr. G. H.

Guest, Mr. H.

Harmsworth, Mr. C. B., M.P.

Hill, Mrs.

Macpherson, Mr. G., J.P., C.C.

Marten, Mr. E. B.

"Midland Counties Trade Directory," Proprietors of.

Moorhouse, Miss. Palfrey, Mr. H. E.

Payton, Mr. H.

Secretary of the Board of Agriculture.

Stringer, the late Mr. F. A.

Stringer, Miss. Walker, Mr. W. E.

Wassell, Mr. H.

and also to those who so generously send free copies of various newspapers and magazines for use in the Reading Rooms. In addition the Library is much indebted to the members of the Sub-Committee, particularly to the Chairman, Mr. G. H. Goodyear, who have spared neither time nor trouble to make the Library as efficient as possible with the means at their disposal.

READING ROOMS.

Newspapers—Daily.

"Birmingham Daily Post."

[&]quot;Birmingham Daily Gazette and Express."

"Birmingham Daily Mail" (2 copies). " Daily Chronicle." " Daily Graphic." " Daily Mail." *" Daily News." " Evening Despatch." 1*" Express and Star " (2 copies). " Manchester Guardian." "South Wales Daily News." "Standard." "Telegraph." " Times." "Yorkshire Post." Newspapers—Weekly. **" Berrow's Worcester Journal " (2 copies). *" Bournemouth Visitors' Directory." *" Bromsgrove Messenger." *" Clarion." *" Clifton Chronicle." *" County Advertiser." *" County Express." *" Droitwich Guardian." *" Dudley Herald." *" Evesham Journal." "Freeman." *" Isle of Wight Advertiser." *" Kidderminster News." *" Kidderminster Shuttle." *" Kidderminster Times." *" Malvern Gazette." *" Midland Counties Herald." *" Oxford Chronicle." *" Redditch Indicator." *" Rhyl Journal." *" Scarborough Post." "Scotsman." *" Shrewsbury Journal." *" Welsh Coast Pioneer." *" Westminster Gazette." Magazines and Periodicals—Weekly. *" Alliance News." *" Amateur Photographer." *" Autocar." *" Broad Arrow." "Builders' Journal." *" Cabinet Maker." *" Christian." * "Civil Service Competitor." "Contract Journal."

"Country Life."
"Engineering Markets.
"English Mechanic."

"Field."
"Garden."
"Graphic."

"Exchange and Mart" (Friday issue).

"Illustrated London News." " Ladies' Field." *" Laundry Journal." "Pitman's Journal."
"Poultry."

" Practical Engineer." " Public Opinion."

" Punch." "Queen."

- *" Sanitary Record."
- "Spectator." *" Sphere." *" Tatler."
- *" Woodworker."

Monthly.

*" Agricultural Economist."

- *" Amblecote Parish Magazine."
- *" Animal's Guardian." "Cassell's Magazine." "Chambers' Journal."
- *" Conservative Unionist."
- *" Educational Times." "Electrical Field." *" Grocer's Assistant."
- *" Great Western Railway Magazine."
- " Harper's Monthly Magazine." *" Hearts of Oak Journal."
- *" Herald of the Cross."
- *" Herald of Peace."

*" Home."

- *" Industrial Unionist."
- *" Journal of Agriculture," Australia.

*" Liberal Monthly."

- *" Lye and Wollescote Parish Magazine." *" Musical Herald."
- *" Nation in Arms." *" National Review."
 - "Nineteenth and Twentieth Century."

*" Office Hints."

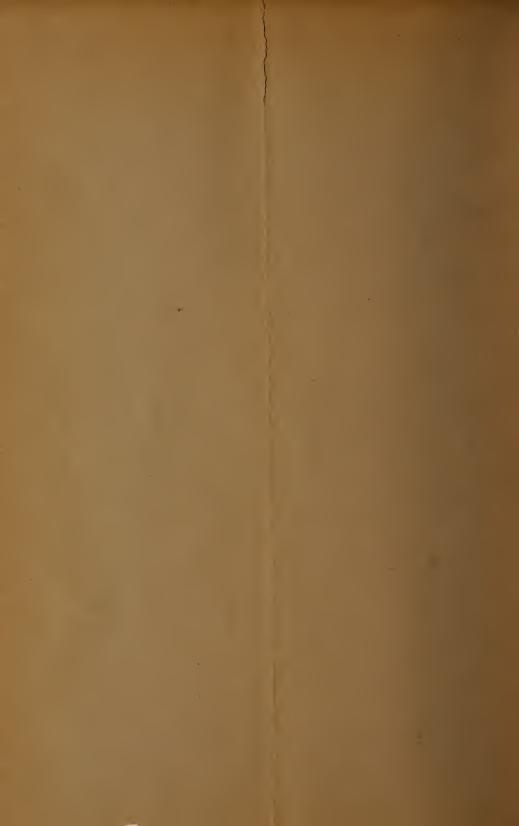
*" Oldswinford Parish Magazine."

*" Olive Leaf." *" One and All."

- *" Our Waifs and Strays." " Pall Mall Magazine."
- *" Patents."
- *" Rifle Shot."
- *" St. Thomas' Parish Magazine."
 - " Strand."
- "Studio." *" White Ribbon."
 - * Presented to the Committee.
- Times," "County Advertiser," and "County Express " are filed for reference.

H. RIDLEY, Librarian.





THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

- OF -

STOURBRIDGE.

STOURBRIDGE FREE LIBRARY.

- FOURTH

ANNUAL REPORT

of the Librarian,

for the Year ended the 31st Dec., 1909.

STOURBRIDGE:

J- T FORD, PRINTER AND MANUFACTURING STATIONER.



Free Library Committee, 1909.

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• Chairman:—

Councillor G. H. GOODYEAR,

Councillor A. HADEN, Councillor W. R. SELLECK,

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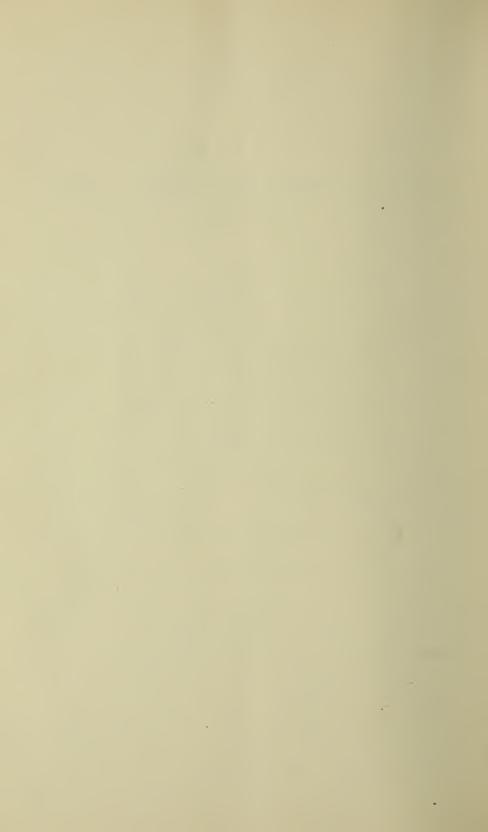
O. SCOTT, Mr. J. HOBLEY.

Sub-Committee :-

Councillor G. H. GOODYEAR, Councillor F. TAYLOR, and Mr. J. HOBLEY.

Librarian :-

Mr. H. RIDLEY.



STOURBRIDGE FREE LIBRARY

Librarian's Report for 1909.

The Librarian has pleasure in submitting his Report of the work of the Free Library for the year 1909.

The Reading Rooms still retain their popularity. They are unfortunately visited by that pest of all Reading Rooms, the person who to save a penny cuts paragraphs, &c. out of papers which are intended for the use of all. The Librarian appeals to the frequenters of these rooms to assist him in the protection of the Library property, by reporting to him any transgressions of this kind which they may witness.

31,691 Volumes have been issued during the year, a slight decrease on previous years. The variations of the issues in the different classes of books may be seen by the tables below:—

		1906.	1907.	1908.	1909.
Cl	ass A. Religion & Philosophy	102 .	122	116	119
	" B. Biography	178 .	316	311	342
	,, C. History	171 .	245	229	200
	" D. Geography and Travel		302	379	312
	" E. Science and Art				
	,, F. Fiction	14148.	25166	25193	24597
	,, G. Language & Literature	611.	893	1225	1178
	" H. Poetry and Drama	92 .	157	169	243
	" I. Juvenile	3869	6775	4772	3960
	Total Number of Issues	19,802	34,668	33,133	31,691

The number of Borrowers' Cards applied for has been 245, making the number in use 1891, an increase on last year of 183.

The Reference Department has been used by 139 people. It is a pleasure to note that it is being increasingly frequented, and it is hoped more advantage may yet be taken of this section.

The Cash received has been £25 2s. od. made up as under:

Fines for detention of Books	Over	£.	S.	d.
Time	•••	16	4	4
Sale of Catalogues	• • •		16	o
Sale of Pass Cards		I	0	5
Pass Cards renewed	•••	0	I	4
Subscriptions from outside	Town			•
area	•••	2	5	2
Newspapers, &c. sold		4	10	ΙI
Miscellaneous Receipts	•••	Ó	3	10
		£25	2	0

The number of Volumes now in stock is 6,521 an increase of 514 on 1908.

487 books have been repaired during the year.

Among valuable works which have been added to the Reference Department may be mentioned, "Old English Glasses," (Hartshorne) and "The Botany of Worcestershire" (Amphlett).

Many thanks are due to the following Ladies and Gentlemen who have contributed Books, &c. for the use of the Library and Reading Rooms:—

Aston, Miss Australia, Agent-General of Birmingham University, Secretary of Boisôt, Mdlle. Brewins, Mr. British Museum, Trustees of Broadbent, Mr. Burrow, Mr. E. J. Canada, Commissioner General of Carnegie, Mr. Andrew Darby, Miss Evers, Mr. G. Fennell, Mrs. Flavell, Miss Goodyear, Councillor G. H. Grazebrook, Mr. J. Hall, Mr. W. Hemming, Miss Janneway, Mr. F. G. Jones, Mr. W. Macpherson, Mrs. Marten, Mr. E. B. Palfrey, Mr. H. Payton, Mr. H.

Pitman, Sir E. & Sons.
Platt, Mrs.
Ridley, Mrs.
Short, Mr. J.
Shorthouse, Mr.
Sawyer, Sir J.
S.U.D.C. per Mr. Goddard.
S.U.D.C. (Gas Dept.) per Mr. Webb.
University Tutorial Press.

and also to those who so kindly contribute free copies of Newspapers and Magazines for use in the Reading Rooms.

This Report would not be complete if it did not call attention to the strenuous efforts of the Sub-Committee to add to the efficiency of the Library. They have spared themselves no trouble, and are worthy of all thanks for the services they have so willingly rendered.

READING ROOMS.

Newspapers-Daily.

"Birmingham Daily Post."

"Birmingham Daily Gazette and Express."

"Birmingham Daily Mail" (2 copies),

"Daily Chronicle."
"Daily Graphic."
"Daily Mail."
"Daily News."

"Evening Despatch."

*" Express and Star" (2 copies).
"Manchester Guardian."

"South Wales Daily News."
"Standard."

" Telegraph."
" Times."

"Yorkshire Post."

Newspapers-Weekly.

**" Berrow's Worcester Journal" (2 copies).

*" Bournemouth Visitors' Directory."

*" Bromsgrove Messenger."

*" Clarion."

- *" Clifton Chronicle."
- *" County Advertiser."
 *" County Express."
- *" Droitwich Guardian."
 *" Dudley Herald."
- *" Evesham Journal."

"Freeman."

- *" Isle of Wight Advertiser."
- *" Kidderminster News."
- *" Kidderminster Shuttle."
 *" Kidderminster Times."
- *" Labour Leader."
- *" Malvern Gazette."
- *" Midland Counties Herald."
- *" Oxford Chronicle."
- *" Redditch Indicator."
- *" Rhyl Journal."
- *" Scarborough Post."
- *" Scotsman.
- *" Shrewsbury Journal." *" Votes for Women."
- *" Welsh Coast Pioneer."
- *" Westminster Gazette."

Magazines and Periodicals-Weekly.

- *" Alliance News."
- *" Amateur Photographer."
- *" Autocar "
- *" Broad Arrow."
- "Builders' Journal."
- *" Cabinet Maker."
- *" Christian."
- *" Civil Service Competitor."
- "Clark's Weekly."
- "Contract Journal."
- *" Contractor's Record."
 - "Country Life."
 "English Mechanic."
- "Exchange and Mart" (Friday issue).
- "Field."
- *" Garden."
- "Graphic."
- *" Guardian."
- "Illustrated London News."
- "Ladies' Field."
- *" Laundry Journal."
- "Local Government Chronicle."
- "Pitman's Journal."
 "Practical Engineer."
- "Public Opinion."
- "Punch."
- "Queen."
- *" Sanitary Record."
- "Spectator.
- *" Sphere."
- *" Tatler."

Monthly.

- *" Agricultural Economist."
- *" Amblecote Parish Magazine."
- "Animal's Friend."
 "Animal's Guardian."
- "Blackwood's Magazine."

"Cassell's Magazine."

*" Canadian Life and Resources."

"Chamber's Journal."

*" Conservative and Unionist."

*" Educational Times."

"Electric Field."

*" Free Trader."

*" Grocer's Assistant."

- *" Great Western Railway Magazine."
 - "Harper's Monthly Magazine."
- *" Hearts of Oak Journal."
 "" Herald of the Cross."

*" Herald of Peace."

*" Home."

*" Industrial Unionist."

*" Journal of Agriculture," Australia.

*" Liberal Monthly."

*" Lye and Wollescote Parish Magazine."

*" Musical Herald."

- *" Nation in Arms."
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- "Nineteenth and Twentieth Century."

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*"Old Swinford Parish Magazine."

*" Olive Leaf."

- *" One and All."
- *"Our Waifs and Strays."
 "Pall Mall Magazine."

*" Patents."

*" Rifle Shot."

*" St. Thomas' Parish Magazine."

"Strand."
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"University Correspondent."

*" White Ribbon."

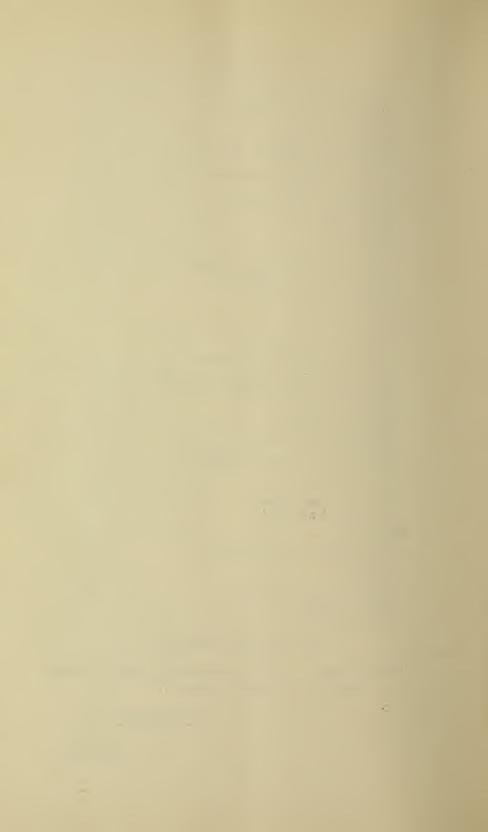
"Woodworker."

*Presented to the Committee.

"The Times," "County Advertiser," and "County Express" are filed for reference.

H. RIDLEY,

Librarian.







THE

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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STOURBRIDGE.

STOURBRIDGE FREE LIBRARY.

FIFTH

ANNUAL REPORT

of the Librarian, for the year ended the 31st Dec., 1910.

Mr. H. RIDLEY, LIBRARIAN.

STOURBRIDGE:

J. T. FORD, PRINTER AND MANUFACTURING STATIONER.



Free Library Committee, 1910.

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Chairman :---

Councillor J. SUTTON.

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Councillor PALFREY,

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Mr. G. H. GOODYEAR.

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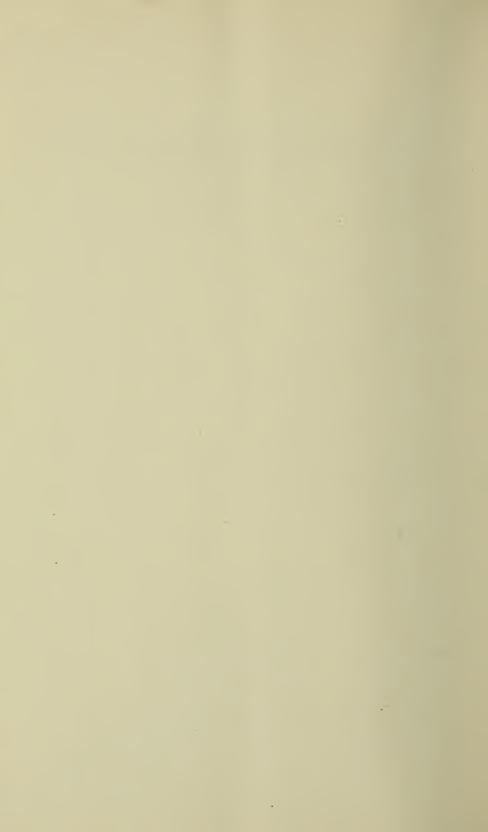
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Librarian :-

Mr. H. RIDLEY.

Caretaker :---

Mr. W. CHANCE.



STOURBRIDGE FREE LIBRARY.

Librarian's Report for 1910.

The Librarian begs to submit the Fifth Annual Report of the Free Library, showing its position and progress for the year 1910.

The Reading Rooms, well supplied with Newspapers and Periodicals, have become increasingly popular, and are used, not only by residents in the Urban District of Stourbridge, but by a large number of the inhabitants of the surrounding district.

During the year a large Cabinet has been placed in the News Room, containing an interesting geological collection and various curiosities which have been presented to the Committee. Both the Committee and Donors hope that this small beginning may be the nucleus of a Stourbridge Museum.

32,204 books have been issued during the year.

The issue of Non-fictional Tickets seems to have had a satisfactory effect on the issues of the various classes of books for which they are available. By comparing the table of issues below, it will be seen that most of the non-fictional classes show a decided increase on any previous year.

	1906.	1907.	1908.	1909.	191 0 .
Class A. Religion & Philosophy	102	122	116	119	121
" B. Biography	178	316	311	342	453
" C. History	171	245	229	200	292
" D. Geography and Travel	205	302	379	312	547
" E. Science and Art	4 2 6	692	739	740	813
" F. Fiction	14148	25166	25193	24597	23980
" G. Language & Literature	611	893	1225	1178	1260
" H. Poetry and Drama	92	157	169	243	208
,, I. Juvenile	3869	6775	4772	3960	4530
Total Number of Issues	19,802	34,668	33,133	31,691	32,204

The number of Borrowers' Cards applied for has been 288, making the number in use 1990. This is 99 more than last year. In addition, 195 non-fictional Cards are in use.

The Reference Department has been used by 98 people, who have come from a very wide area. It is to be regretted that this Department is not more generally used.

After careful consideration by the Committee, it has been decided to adopt a scheme extending the advantages of the Library to the pupils in the Elementary Schools. Book Boxes, each containing about thirty volumes will be lent to both boys' and girls' Departments of the Schools in the Urban District, free of charge, and changed periodically. The books will be available either for silent reading in the Schools, or to be read at home, as the Head Teachers may prefer. It is confidently anticipated that this new departure will develope in the young a taste for wholesome literature and a love of reading, and that the usefulness of the Library will be largely increased.

The Cash received during the year has been £28 14s. 4d., made up as under:—

			£.	s.	d.
Fines for detention of	Book	s Over			
Time		•••	16	15	7
Damage to Book					6
Sale of Catalogues		• • •		IO	6
Sale of Pass Cards		•••	I	4	0
Pass Cards renewed				2	4
Subscriptions from ou	tside	Town			
area			2	5	О
Newspapers, &c., sold		•••	5	5	6
Miscellaneous Receipts	•••	• • •	2	10	ΙI
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			£28	14	4
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The number of Volumes now in stock is 6973, an increase on last year of 452. Many worn out volumes have been replaced, and 444 have been repaired at the Library.

The thanks of the Committee have been accorded to the following Ladies and Gentlemen who have contributed Books, &c., for the use of the Library and Reading Rooms.

Anonymous
Australia, Agent-General for
Bill, Mrs. A.
Birmingham University, Secretary of
British Museum, Director of
Freer, A.
Goodyear, G. H.
Grazebrook, J.

Haines, Mrs., Hereford
Hampton's Scholastic Directory, Publisher of
Johnson, Miss Effie
Jones, W.
L. & N. W. R. Co., per Mr. Holles
Lawrence, Sir Edward Durning
Layton, Messrs. E. & C.
Palfrey, H. E.
Payton, H.
Penley, Rev. L. B.
Southport, Handbook of, per Town Clerk
S.U.D.C., per Mr. Goddard
University Tutorial Press, Editor of
Weaver, Miss

and thanks are also due to those who so kindly contribute free copies of Newspapers and Magazines for use in the Reading Rooms.

Library Reports have been received from:—Aberdeen, Ashtonunder-Lyne, Aston Manor, Battersea, Birmingham, Brierley Hill, Kidderminster, Oldbury, St. Annes-on-the-Sea, Worcester, Yarmouth (Great).

READING ROOMS.

Newspapers-Daily.

"Birmingham Daily Post."

"Birmingham Daily Gazette and Express."
"Birmingham Daily Mail." (2 copies).

"Daily Chronicle."

"Daily Graphic."
"Daily Mail."

*" Daily News,"

"Evening Despatch."

*" Express and Star," (2 copies).

" Manchester Guardian."
"South Wales Daily News."

"Standard."
"Telegraph."

"Times."

"Yorkshire Post."

Newspapers—Weekly.

*" Berrow's Worcester Journal."

*" Bournemouth Visitors' Directory."

*" Bromsgrove Messenger."

*. Clarion."

*" Clifton Chronicle."

*" County Advertiser."

- *" County Express."
- *" Droitwich Guardian."
- *" Dudley Herald." *" Evesham Journal."
 "Freeman."
- *" Isle of Wight Advertiser."
- *" Kidderminster Shuttle."
- *" Kidderminster Times."
- *" Labour Leader."
- *" Malvern Gazette."
- *" Midland Counties' Herald."
- *" Oxford Chronicle."
- *" Redditch Indicator."
- *" Rhyl Journal."
- *" Scarborough Post."
- *" Scotsman.
- *" Shrewsbury Journal."
- *" Votes for Women."
- *" Welsh Coast Pioneer."
- *" Westminster Gazette."
- *" Worcester Herald."

Magazines and Periodicals—Weekly.

- *" Alliance News."
- *" Amateur Photographer."
- *" Autocar."
- *" Broad Arrow."
- "Builders' Journal."
- *" Cabinet Maker."
- *" Christian."
- *" Civil Service Competitor."
- "Clark's Weekly."
- *" Contractor's Record."
 - " Country Life."
 - "English Mechanic."
- "Exchange and Mart." (Friday issue).
- " Field."
- *" Garden."
 - "Graphic."
- *" Guardian."
 - "Illustrated London News."
- "Illustrated Official Journal." (Patents).
- "Ladies' Field."
- * Laundry Journal."
- "Local Government Chronicle."
- " Pitman's Journal."
- " Poultry."
- " Practical Engineer."
- "Public Opinion."
- " Punch."
- "Queen."
- *" Sanitary Record."

- "Spectator."
- *" Sphere.
- *" Tatler."
 - "Times." (Weekly Edition).

Monthly.

- *" Acetylene."
- *" Agricultural Economist."
- *" Amblecote Parish Magazine."
- " Animal's Friend."
- *" Animal's Guardian."
- " Blackwood's Magazine."
- *" Canada."
- *" Canadian Life and Resources."
- "Cassell's Magazine." "Chambers' Journal."
- *" Conservative and Unionist."
- " Cornhill Magazine."
- *" Educational Times."
 "Electric Field." Compress on Change
- " English Woman."
- *" Free Trader."
- *" Great Western Railway Magazine."
- " Harper's Monthly Magazine.
- *" Hearts of Oak Journal."
- *" Herald of the Cross."
- *" Herald of Peace."
- *" Home."
- *" Industrial Unionist."
- *" Journal of Agriculture." Australia.
- *" Liberal Monthly."
- *" Lye and Wollescote Parish Magazine."
- *" Musical Herald."
- *" Nation in Arms."
 - 'National Review."
- "Nineteenth and Twentieth Century."
- *" Old Swinford Parish Magazine."
- *" Olive Leaf."
- *" One and All."
- *" Our Waifs and Strays."
- " Pall Mall Magazine."
- *" Patents."
- *" Rifle Shot."
- "St. Mark's Parish Magazine."
- *" St. Thomas' Parish Magazine."
 - "Strand."
 - "Studio."
 - "University Correspondent."
- *" White Ribbon."
- " Woodworker."

"World's Work."

Time Tables:—Bradshaw, Ford's, Great Western Ry., L. & N. W. Ry., Midland.

* Presented to the Committee.

"The Times," "County Advertiser," and "County Express" are filed for reference.

H. RIDLEY,

LIBRARIAN.









THE

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

___OF___

STOURBRIDGE.

STOURBRIDGE FREE LIBRARY.

Sixth Annual Report

of the Librarian,

for the year ended the 31st December, 1911.

H. RIDLEY - Librarian.

STOURBRIDGE:-

MARK & Moody, Ltd., "County Express" Offices.







FREE LIBRARY COMMITTEE, 1911.



Chairman of the Committee :-

Councillor J. SUTTON.

Councillor	COOK,	Councillor	MASON,
,,	S. FIDDIAN,	,,	PALFREY,
,,	GOODYEAR,	,,	TAYLOR.
••	HOBLEY,	,,	WAUGH.

Sub-Committee :-

Councillor	GOODYEAR.	Councillor	MASON,
11	HOBLEY,	,,	SUTTON,

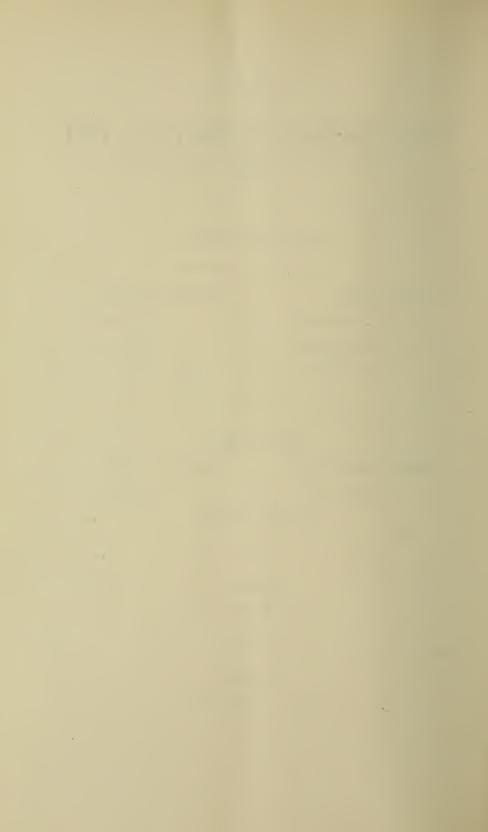
Councillor TAYLOR,

Librarian :-

H. RIDLEY.

Caretaker :-

W. CHANCE.



STOURBRIDGE FREE LIBRARY.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1911.

The Librarian begs to submit the Sixth Annual Report, shewing the working of the Free Library during the year 1911.

The Reading Rooms are still visited by an apparently increasing number of readers, and the case of exhibits of fossils, curios, etc., installed in the News Room is a source of great attraction.

32,098 books have been issued during the year.

This is a slight decrease upon last year, but it is not unsatisfactory to note that there is an increase on most of the non-fictional classes, and that the decrease is in fiction.

This will be seen by reference to the table below:—

		1906	1907	1908	1909	1910	1911
Class	A. Religion & Philosophy	102	122	116	119	I 2 I	135
,,	B. Biography	178	316	311	342	453	441
,,	C. History	171	245	229	200	292	335
,,	D. Geography and Travel	205	302	379	312	547	652
,,	E. Science and Art	426	692	739	740	813	1032
,,	F. Fiction	14148	25166	25193	24597	23980	23462
,,	G. Language & Literature	611	893	1225	1178	1260	1636
,,	H. Poetry and Drama	92		169		208	204
,,	I. Juvenile			4772	3960	4530	4201
	-						

Total Number of Issues ... 19802 34668 33133 31691 32204 32098

The number of Borrowers' Cards applied for during the year has been 266. The total number now is use is 2,480; in addition, there are 140 non-fictional tickets in use.

The Reference Department, which contains upwards of 1,500 volumes, including many valuable works useful to the student and antiquarian and of interest to the general reader, has been used by 94 persons during the year. It would be gratifying to see this small number increased tenfold.

The Circulating Book Boxes seem to be greatly appreciated by the authorities of the Elementary Schools. The Librarian would here take the opportunity of remarking that it would greatly facilitate the working of the scheme if those responsible would see to the punctual application for and return of the boxes.

The cash received during the year has been £25 6s. 3d., made up as under:—

			£	s.	d.
Fines for detention of Bool	ks over time		15	17	9
Sale of Catalogues				7	0
Sale of Pass Cards			1	2	2
Pass Cards renewed				2	10
Subscriptions from outside	Town area		1	15	О
Newspapers, etc., sold			6	O	8
Miscellaneous Receipts					10
		;	£25	6	3

The number of Volumes now in stock is 7,167, an increase on last year of 194. Of these, 5,615 are in the Lending Library and 1,552 in the Reference Department. 479 volumes have been repaired by the Library staff.

Various gifts of books, etc., have been received during the year, many of them from donors outside the town.

The Committee would be particularly grateful for gifts from friends of the Library movement in our own neighbourhood, especially of books, maps, pictures, or other objects of local interest.

The following is a list of those who have kindly contributed during the year:—

Anonymous. Australia, High Commissioner of British Museum, Director of Brazier, Mr. Bright, Mrs. Cook, T. & Son. Cookson, E. Fiddian, W. Freer, Alfred. Goodyear, G. H. G.W. Railway. Green, — Hand, T. Hart, D. Holloway, Mrs. London University Guide, Editor of Lord Mayor of London. Macdonald, W. & Co. Minton, Messrs. Palfrey, H. E. Payton, H. Short, J. T. Stanier, A. S.U.D.C., per the Clerk to the Council. Turner, Swedenborg Society. Willis Bund, J. W.

Wood Walker, Mrs.

The thanks of the Committee are also accorded to those who so kindly contribute free copies of Newspapers and Magazines for use in the Reading Rooms. Library Reports have been received from:—

Aberdeen.
Ashton-under-Lyne.
Birmingham.
Brierley Hill.
Dudley.
Kidderminster.
Kingston-upon-Thames.
Malvern.
Oldbury.
St. Annes-on-the-Sea.
Wolverhampton.
Worcester.

READING ROOMS.

Newspapers-Daily.

"Birmingham Daily Post."

- "Birmingham Daily Gazette and Express."
- " Birmingham Daily Mail" (2 copies).
- "Daily Chronicle."
- "Daily Graphic."
- "Daily Mail."
- *" Daily News and Leader."
- "Evening Despatch."
- *" Express and Star" (2 copies).
- " Manchester Guardian."
- "South Wales Daily News."
- "Standard."
 "Telegraph."
- "Times."
- "Yorkshire Post."

Newspapers—Weekly.

- *" Berrow's Worcester Journal."
- *" Bournemouth Visitors' Directory."
- *" Bromsgrove Messenger."
- *" Clarion."
- *" Clifton Chronicle."
- *" County Advertiser."
- *" County Express."
- *" Droitwich Guardian."
- *" Dudley Herald."
- *" Evesham Journal."
- "Freeman."
- *" Isle of Wight Advertiser."
- *" Kidderminster Shuttle."
- *" Kidderminster Times."
- *" Labour Leader."
- *" Malvern Gazette."

- *" Midland Counties' Herald."
- *" Oxford Chronicle."
- *" Redditch Indicator."
- *" Rhyl Journal."
- *" Scarborough Post."
- *" Scotsman."
- *" Shrewsbury Journal."
- *" Votes for Women."
- *" Welsh Coast Pioneer."
- *" Westminster Gazette."
- *" Worcester Herald."

Magazines and Periodicals—Weekly.

- *" Alliance News."
- *" Amateur Photographer."
- *" Autocar."
- *" Broad Arrow."
 - " Builders' Journal."
- *" Cabinet Maker."
- *" Christian."
- *" Civil Service Competitor."
- "Clark's Weekly."
- *" Contractor's Record."
- "Country Life."
- " English Mechanic."
- " Exchange and Mart" (Friday issue).
- " Field."
- *" Garden."
- "Graphic."
- *" Guardian."
- " Illustrated London News."
- " Illustrated Official Journal " (Patents).
- " India."
- "Ladies' Field."
- "Local Government Chronicle."
- "Pitman's Journal."
 Poultry.
- " Practical Engineer."
- " Punch."
- "Queen."
- *" Sanitary Record."
- "Spectator."
- *" Sphere."
- *'' Tatler.''
 - "Times" (Weekly Edition).

Monthly

- *" Acetylene."
- *" Agricultural Economist."
- *" Amblecote Parish Magazine."
- " Animal's Friend."
- *" Animal's Guardian."
- "Blackwood's Magazine."
- *'' British Columbia Magazine.''

- "Cassell's Magazine."
- "Central Africa."
- "Chambers' Journal."
- *" Conservative and Unionist."
- "Cornhill Magazine."
 "Educational Times."
 "English Woman."
- *" Free Trader."
- *" Great Western Railway Magazine."
- "Harper's Monthly Magazine."
- *" Herald of Peace."
- *" Home."
- *" Journal of Agriculture." Australia.
- *" Liberal Monthly."
- *" Lye and Wollescote Parish Magazine."
- *" Musical Herald."
 - " Nation in Arms."
- " National Review."
- "Nineteenth and Twentieth Century."
- *" Oldswinford Parish Magazine."
- *" Olive Leaf."
- *" One and All."
- *" Our Waifs and Strays."
- "Pall Mall Magazine."
- *" Patents."
 - " Power User, Engineer in Charge & Works Manager.
- "St. Mark's Parish Magazine."
- *" St. Thomas' Parish Magazine."
- "Strand."
- " Studio."
- "University Correspondent."
- *" White Ribbon." "Woodworker."
- *" Worcester Diocesan Magazine."
- "World's Work."

Quarterly.

" The Lord's Day."

Time Tables:—Bradshaw's, Ford's, Great Western Railway, L. & N.W. Railway, Midland.

Annually.

- *" London University Guide, 1912."
 - * Presented to the Committee.
 - "The Times," "County Advertiser," and "County Express" are filed for reference.

H. RIDLEY,

GENERAL DATA.

Population of the Stourbridge Urban District
Rateable Value of the Stourbridge Urban District£67,002
Public Libraries Act adopted August, 1902
Mr. Andrew Carnegie offered £3,000 to defray the cost of building the Free Library
Mr. Carnegie's offer accepted by the Council August, 1902
Councillor Nash appointed first Chairman of the Free Library Committee
Mr. H. Ridley appointed Librarian March, 1905
Stourbridge Art and Industrial Loan Exhibition held in New Buildings
The Free Library opened
Proceeds of Art and Industrial Loan Exhibition, £73 18s. 2d., handed to the Committee by Mr. G. Boden, Hon. Sec November, 1905
Lending and Reference Departments opened by the late Professor Churton Collins
First Catalogue published October, 1906
Mr. Carnegie gave £700 towards the extension of the Free Library
63rd Meeting of Birmingham and District Library Association, held at Stourbridge February, 1908
Memorial Clock Tower erected to the late Councillor Nash January, 1909
Museum Case placed in the News Room December, 1910







URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF STOURBRIDGE.

Stourbridge Free Library.

SEVENTH

Annual Report

of the Librarian,

for the year ended the 31st, Dec., 1912.

H. RIDLEY - Librarian.

STOURBRIDGE:

J. T. FORD, PRINTER AND MANUFACTURING STATIONER.

Free Library Committee, 1912.

CHES.

Chairman of the Committee :-

Councillor B. F. MASON.

Councillor	COOK,	Councillor	PALFREY,
,,	S. FIDDIAN,	,,	SUTTON,
,,	GOODYEAR,	"	TAYLOR,
,,	HOBLEY,	,,	WAUGH.

Sub-Committee :-

Councillor	GOODYEAR.	Councillor	PALFREY,
"	HOBLEY,	,,	SUTTON,
,,	MASON.	,,	TAYLOR.

Librarian :-

H. RIDLEY.

Caretaker :-

W. CHANCE.

STOURBRIDGE FREE LIBRARY.

Librarian's Report

for the Year 1912.

The Librarian begs to present his Seventh Annual Report, shewing the working of the Free Library during the year 1912.

The popularity of the Reading Rooms is still well maintained.

An additional Show Case has been placed in the News Room, which it is intended shall contain, when complete, specimens of ancient and modern Glass Manufacture, illustrating the variety of purposes to which Glass may be applied.

30,736 Books have been issued during the year. The particulars of the issues of each year since the opening of the Library are to be seen in the table below:—

	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910	1911	1912
Class A. Religion & Philosophy	102	122	116	119	121	135	162
,, B. Biography	. 178	316	311	342	453	441	321
" C History		245	229	200	292	335	407
" D. Geography and Travel.		302	379	312	547	652	468
,. E. Science and Art .	. 426	692	739	740	813	1032	864
" F. Fiction	. 14148	25166	25193	24597	23980	23462	22716
" G. Language & Literature	611	893	1225	1178	1260	1636	1692
"H. Poetry and Drama .	. 92	157	169	243	208	204	24 I
,, I. Juvenile	. 3869	6775	4772	3960	4530	4201	3865
Total Number of Issues .	. 19802	34668	33133	31691	32204	32098	30736

The Circulating Book Boxes still continue their work of usefulness in the Elementary Schools, and make about 3,000 issues which are not included in the ordinary table of issues shewn above.

183 Borrower's Cards have been applied for during the year. The number now in use is 2,260, in addition there are 139 non-fictional tickets in use.

The Reference Library which contains 1586 volumes, has been used by 100 readers. This does not include Directories and works of a similar character.

The Cash received during the year has been £22 7s.6d., made up as follows:—

			£	S.	d.
Fines for detention	of Books	over			
time	•••		15	9	0
Sale of Catalogues	•••	•••		2	6
Sale of Pass Cards	•••	•••		14	1
Pass Cards renewed	•••	•••		2	0
Subscriptions from	outside	Town			
area	•••		I	15	0
Newspapers, &c., sold	•••	•••	4	4	ΙΙ
			(00	<i></i>	
			£22	-/	0

The number of Volumes now in stock is 7,421, an increase on last year of 254. Of these, 5,835 are in the Lending Library and 1,586 in the Reference Department. 676 volumes have been repaired by the Library Staff.

The Committee are particularly grateful for Books, Pictures, Maps or any objects of local interest which are presented to them, and their thanks are accorded to those who have so kindly contributed during the past year, also to those who have generously given free copies of Newspapers and Magazines for use in the Reading Rooms.

It is proposed to issue a new complete Catalogue of Books in the near future.

The following is a list of Donors for the year:—

Australia, High Commissioner of Birmingham University, Secretary of Bright, Mrs. British Museum, Director of Cassidy, J. Cook, T. & Son. Covenant Publishing Co. Fiddian, W. Goodyear, G. H. Great Western Railway Co. Hemming, Miss Kent, A. King, W. H. Levi, W. J. London & North Western Railway Co. London University Guide, Editor of Maginnis, J. P. Midland Railway Co.

Moody, G. Nova Scotia, Agent General of Palfrey, H. E. Parkes, T. W. Richardson, H. G. Ridley, Mrs. Sawyer, Sir James Short, J. T. Smith, H. Watson Spriggs Publishing Co. Stringer, J. H. S.U.D.C., per the Clerk to the Council. Thompson, Mrs. Letchworth Warren Hastings Committee of Worcestershire.

Library Reports have been received from:—

Aberdeen. Ashton-under-Lyne. Battersea. Birmingham. Brierley Hill. Dudley. Illinois Library School, U.S.A. Kidderminster. Kingston-upon-Thames. Malvern. Rowley Regis. St. Anne's-on-the-Sea. Walthamstow. Windsor, U.S.A. Wolverhampton. Worcester.

READING ROOMS.

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"Daily Graphic." " Daily Mail."

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" Ladies' Field."

*" Local Government Chronicle."

" Pitman's Journal."

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" Punch."

"Queen."

*" Return of Market Prices."

*" Sanitary Record."

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*" Animal's Friend."

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*" Central Africa."

"Chamber's Journal."

*" Connoisseur."

*" Conservative and Unionist."

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"Educational Review."
"Educational Times."
"English Woman."

*" Free Trader."

*" Great Western Railway Magazine."
"Harper's Monthly Magazine."

*" Herald of Peace."

*" Home."

*" Journal of Agriculture." Australia.

*" Liberal Monthly."

*" Lye and Wollescote Parish Magazine."
*" Monthly Notes on Tariff Reform."

*" Musical Herald."

*" Nation in Arms."

"National Review."

"Nineteenth and Twentieth Century."

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*" Olive Leaf."

*" One and All."

*" Our Waifs and Strays."

- " Pall Mall Magazine."
- *" Patents."
- *" Socialist."
- *" St. John's Parish Magazine."
 *" St. Mark's Parish Magazine."
- *" St. Thomas's Parish Magazine."
- "Strand."
- "Studio."
- *" University Correspondent."
- *" White Ribbon."
- "Windsor Magazine."
- "Woodworker."
- *" Worcester Diocesan Magazine."
 - "World's Work."

Quarterly.

"The Lord's Day."

Annually.

*" Australia To-day."

*" London University Guide."

Time Tables:—Bradshaw's, Ford's, Great Western Railway, L. & N. W. Railway, Midland.

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H. RIDLEY,

Librarian.

GENERAL DATA.

Population of the Stourbridge Urban	District	•••	17,316
Rateable Value of the Stourbridge U	rban Dist	rict	£67,002
Public Libraries Act adopted	•••	•••	August, 1902
Mr. Andrew Carnegie offered £3,000 building the Free Library			
Mr. Carnegie's offer accepted by the	Council	•••	August, 1902
Councillor Nash appointed first Ch Library Committee			
Mr. H. Ridley appointed Librarian		•••	March, 1905
Stourbridge Art and Industrial Loa New Buildings			
The Free Library opened	•••	•••	August, 1905
Proceeds of Art and Industrial Loan handed to the Committee by Mr.		n, H	
Lending and Reference Department Professor Churton Collins	_	-	
First Catalogue Published	•••	•••	October, 1906
Mr. Carnegie gave £700 towards t Free Library		sion	of the July, 1907
63rd Meeting of Birmingham and Dis held at Stourbridge		_	
Memorial Clock Tower erected to the	e late Cou	ncill	or Nash January, 1909
Museum Case placed in the News Ro	om	•••	December, 1910
Book Boxes issued to Elementary Co	uncil Sch	ools	January, 1911





URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL of STOURBRIDGE.

Stourbridge Free Library.

EIGHTH

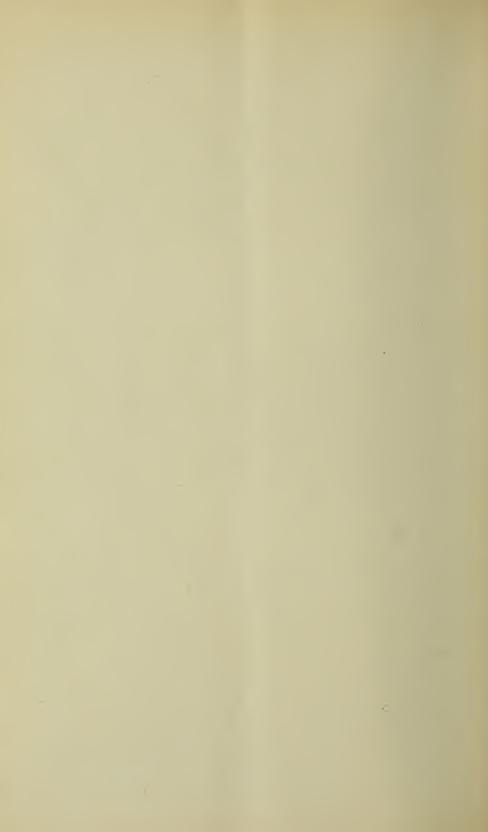
Annual Report

of the Librarian,
for the year ended the 31st December,
1913.

H. RIDLEY - Librarian.

STOURBRIDGE:

J. T. FORD, PRINTER AND MANUFACTURING STATIONER.



Free Library Committee, 1913.

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Chairman of the Committee :-

Councillor B. F. MASON.

Councillor L J. COOK,

S. FIDDIAN,

" J. HOBLEY,

" G. R. JARVIE,

B. F. MASON,

Councillor H. E. PALFREY,

W. R. SELLECK,

" J. SUTTON,

,, F. TAYLOR,

Sub-Committee :--

Councillor J. HOBLEY,

B. F. MASON,

H. E. PALFREY,

Councillor J. SUTTON,

F. TAYLOR.

With Mr. G. H. GOODYEAR.

Librarian:-

H. RIDLEY.

Caretaker :-

W. CHANCE.

STOURBRIDGE FREE LIBRARY.

Librarian's Annual Report

for the Year 1913.

The Librarian has pleasure in presenting his Eight Annual Report, shewing the working of the Free Library during the year 1913. The Reading Rooms are still largely frequented, not only by the inhabitants of the Urban District, but also by those of the surrounding neighbourhood.

The Show Case illustrating the variety of uses to which glass may be applied is now completed, and contains specimens of glass manufacture ranging from beads, bottles, glass eyes, spun glass, sheet glass, &c., to richly cut glass. There are also a few specimens of ancient glass. The Committee would gladly welcome any exhibits from local manufacturers shewing their processes and productions.

26,570 Books have been issued during the year, the particulars of the issues of each year since the opening of the Library are to be seen in the table below:—

			1906	1907	1908	1909
Class	s A.	Religion and Philosophy	102	122	116	119
,,	В.	Biography	178	316	311	3 2
,,	C.	History	171	245	229	200
,,	D.	Geography and Travel	205	302	379	312
,,	E.	Science and Art	426	692	739	740
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,,	G.	Language and Literature	611	893	1225	1178
,,	Η.	Poetry and Drama	92	157	169	243
,,	Ι.	Juvenile	3869	6775	4772	3960
	То	otal Number of Issues	19802	3+668	33133	31691

					1910	1911	1912	1913
Class	. A.	Religion and	d Philoso	phy	121	135	162	150
,,	В.	Biography		•••	453	441	321	278
,,	C.	History			292	335	407	250
,,	D.	Geography	and Tra	ivel	547	652	468	484
,,	E.	Science and	Art		813	1032	864	672
,,	F.	Fiction		• • •	23980	23462	22716	19597
,,	G.	Languagean	d Literat	ure	1260	1636	1692	1173
,,,	H.	Poetry and	Drama	• • •	208	204	241	236
,,		* 14	•••	• • •	453°	4201	3865	3730
	Tot	al Number of	Issues		32204	32098	30736	26570

The Circulating Book Boxes still continue their rounds to the Elementary Schools, and make about 3000 issues not shewn in the table above. Many Books have been withdrawn and new ones substituted during the year.

162 Borrower's Cards have been applied for during the year. The number now in use is 2,273, in addition there are 143 non-fictional tickets in use.

The Reference Library which contains 1605 volumes has been used by 70 readers. This does not include Directories and works of a similar character.

The Cash received has been £20 7s. 4d., made up as follows:—

Fines for detention of Books o	v er	£	s.	d.
time		14	12	ΙI
Sale of Catalogues	• • •			6
Sale of Pass Cards	• • •		13	6
Pass Cards renewed			2	4
Subscriptions from outside To	wn			
area		I	10	0
Newspapers, etc., sold		3	7	I
	7	€ 20	7	4

The number of volumes now in stock is 7860, an increase on last year of 439. Of these 6,255 are in the Lending Library and 1,605 in the Reference Department. 625 volumes have been repaired by the Library Staff. The Committee are particularly grateful for Books, Pictures, Maps or any objects of local interest which are presented to them, and their thanks are accorded to those who have so kindly contributed during the past year, also to those who have generously given free copies of Newspapers and Magazines for use in the Reading Rooms.

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Library Reports have been received from:-

Aberdeen. Ashton-under-Lyne. Battersea. Birmingham. Brierley Hill.
Dudley.
Illinois Library School, U.S.A.
Kidderminster.
Kingston-upon-Thames.
Malvern.
Oldbury.
Rowley Regis.
St. Anne's-on-the-Sea.
Walsall.
Walthamstow.
Windsor, U.S.A.
Wolverhampton.
Worcester.

READING ROOMS.

Newspapers—Daily.

"Birmingham Daily Post."
Birmingham Daily Gazette."

"Birmingham Daily Mail" (2 copies).

"Daily Chronicle."
"Daily Citizen."

"Daily Graphic,"
Daily Mail."

*" Daily News and Leader."

"Evening Despatch."

*" Express and Star" (2 copies).
"Manchester Guardian."

"South Wales Daily News."

"Standard."
"Telegraph."
"Times."

"Yorkshire Post."

Newspapers-Weekly.

*" Berrow's Worcester Journal."

*" Bournemouth Visitors' Directory."

*" British Australasian."
*" Bromsgrove Messenger."

*" Canadian."

*" Clarion."

*" Clifton Chronicle."

*" County Advertiser."
*" County Express."

*" Droitwich Guardian."

*" Dudley Herald."

*" Evesham Journal."

" Freeman."

*" Kidderminster Shuttle."
*" Kidderminster Times."

*" Labour Leader."

*" Malvern Gazette."

*" Midland Chronicle."

- *" Midland Counties Herald."
- *" Oxford Chronicle."
- *" Redditch Indicator."
 *" Scarborough Post."
- "Scotsman."
- *" Shrewsbury Journal."
- *" Votes for Women."
- *" Welsh Coast Pioneer."
- *" Worcestershire Chronicle."
- *" Worcester Herald."

Magazines and Periodicals-Weekly.

- *" Amateur Photographer."
- *" Autocar."
- *" Broad Arrow."
 - "Builders' Journal."
- *" Christian.
- *" Civil Service Competitor."
- "Clark's Educator."
- "" Contractor's Record."
- "Country Life."
- " Electrical Engineering."
- "English Mechanic."
- " Everyman."
- "Exchange and Mart" (Friday issue).
- " Field."
- *" Garden."
 - "Graphic."
- *" Guardian."
- "Illustrated London News."
- *" Illustrated Official Journal" (Patents).
 - " Ladies' Field."
- *" Local Government Chronicle."
 - " Pitman's Journal."
- *" Poultry.'
- " Practical Engineer."
- "Punch."
- " Queen,"
- *" Return of Market Prices,
- *" Sanitary Record."
- "Schoolmaster."
- "Spectator."
 "Sphere."
- *" Tatler."
 - "Times" (Weekly Edition).

Monthly.

- *" Agricultural Economist."
- *" Amblecote Parish Magazine."
- *" Animal's Friend."
- *" Animal's Guardian."
- "Blackwood's Magazine."
- *" Central Africa."
 - "Chamber's Journal."

- *" Connoisseur."
- *" Conservative and Unionist."
- "Cornhill Magazine."
- *" Educational Review."
- " English Woman."
- *" Free Trader."
- *" Great Western Railway Magazine."
 - "Harper's Monthly Magazine."
- *" Herald of Peace."
- *" Home."
- *" Journal of Agriculture." Australia.
- *" Liberal Monthly."
- *" Lye and Wollescote Parish Magazine."
- *" Monthly Notes on Tariff Reform."
- *" Musical Herald."
- " National Review."
- " Nineteenth and Twentieth Century."
- *" Oldswinford Parish Magazine."
- *" Olive Leaf."
- *" One and All."
- *" Our Waifs and Strays."
- " Pall Mall Magazine."
- *" Patents."
- *" Socialist."
- *" St. John's Parish Magazine."
- *" St. Mark's Parish Magazine."
- *" St. Thomas's Parish Magazine."
- "Strand."
- "Studio."
- *" University Correspondent."
- *" White Ribbon."
- " Windsor Magazine."
- " Woodworker."
- * Worcester Diocesan Magazine."
- " World's Work."

Quarterly.

- "The Lord's Day,"
- "The Nation in Arms."

Annually.

- "Australia To-day."
- "London University Guide."

Time Tables:—Bradshaw's, Ford's, Great Western Railway, L. & N. W. Railway, Midland, as issued.

*Presented to the Committee.

"The Times," "County Advertiser," and "County Express" are filed for reference.

FREE LIBRARY DATA.

Public Libraries Act adopted	•••	•••	August, 1902			
Mr. Andrew Carnegie offered & building the Free Library	_		cost of August, 1902			
Mr. Carnegie's offer accepted by	the Counc	il	August, 1902			
Councillor Isaac Nash appointed first Chairman of the						
Free Library Committee	•••	•••	January, 1904			
Mr. H. Ridley appointed Librar	ian		March, 1905			
Stourbridge Art and Industrial New Buildings			neld in April, 1905			
	•••	•••				
The Free Library opened	•••	• • •	August, 1905			
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Lending and Reference Depart	ments open	ed by th	ne late			
Professor Churton Collins	-		April, 1906			
First Catalogue l'ublished	•••	•••	October, 1906			
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Free Library	•••	•••	July, 1907			
63rd Meeting of Birmingham and	l District Li	ibrary A	ssociation,			
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Museum Case placed in the New	vs Room	1	December, 1910			
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During the year the Library Committee have made arrangements with the National Lending Library for the Blind for a supply of books in Braille Type for the benefit of the blind of the district. 80 volumes have been received which have been issued 294 times. This has been a great boon to those for whose benefit they are procured.

160 Borrowers' Cards have been applied for during the year. The number now in use is 2424, in addition there are 152 Non-Fictional Cards now in use.

The Reference Library which does not include Directories or works of a similar character, has only been used by 50 readers, a matter of keen regret to the Committee.

The Cash received has been £22 19s. 10d. made up as below:—

Fines for detention of	Books	over		s.	d.		
time			12	17	7		
Sale of Catalogues				í	6		
Sale of Borrowers' Card	s			13	4		
Borrowers' Cards renew	ed	•••		13	6		
Subscriptions from outside Borough							
Area	•••	•••	I	0	0		
Newspapers, &c., sold	•••	•••	8	4	ΙI		
			£22	19	10		

The number of Books now in stock is 7864. Of these 6176 are in the Lending Library and 1688 in the Reference Department.

136 volumes have been repaired at the Library.

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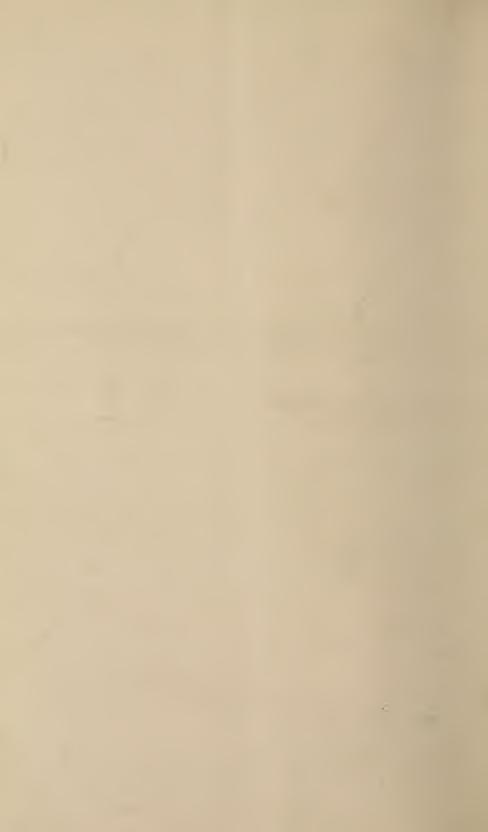
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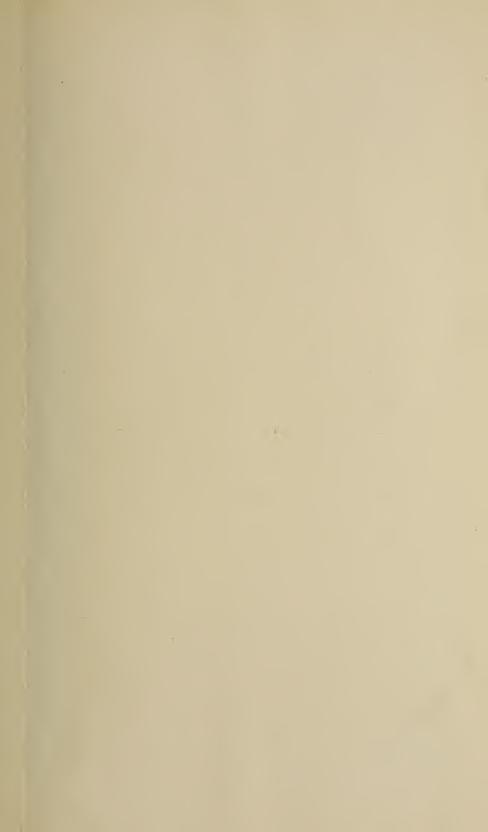


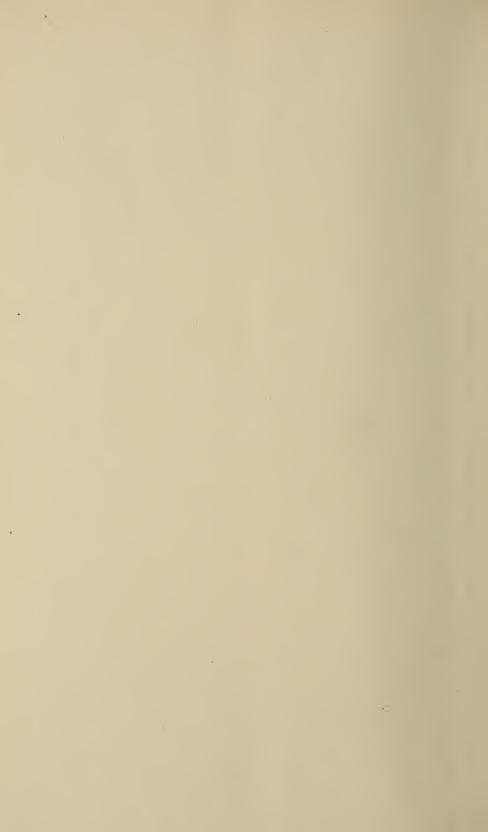
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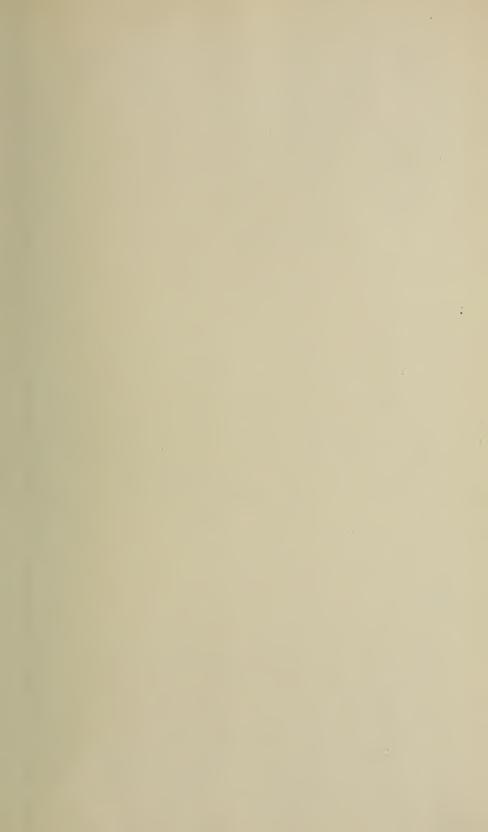
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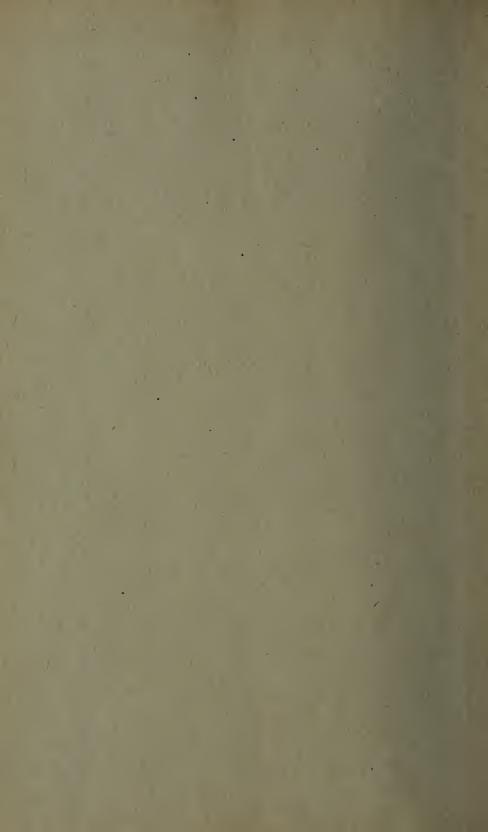












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